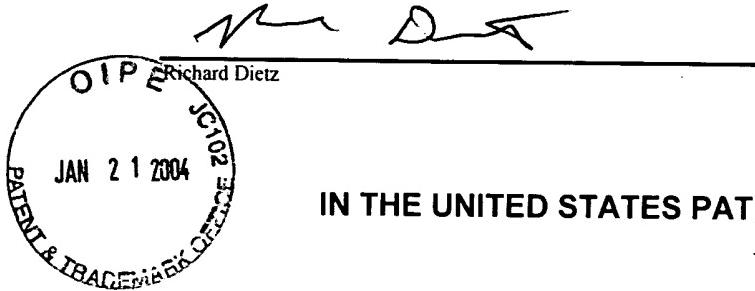


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated October 21, 2003, and having a shortened three-month response period, and for which an RCE is filed herewith, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.